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Applicant: Schauerte Examiner:

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Title: ELECTRODE FOR INTRAVASCULAR STIMULATION, CARDIOVERSION
AND/OR DEFIBRILLATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with the completion of the filing requirements in this case, which claims priority from an application filed in Germany as 199 57 648.3 on 30 November 1999. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 18 total and 1 independent claims. Consistent with the modifications to 37 CFR §1.121, the applicant has provided the amended claims in a clean form on the attached sheets.

Amendments to the Disclosure

The specification as filed has been altered from the literal translation document received to delete information above the title, to insert headings according to US practice, and to insert paragraph numbering in lieu of line numbering. Accordingly, please amend the following paragraphs:

A1 [0005] United States Patent No. 5,954,761, issued to Macheck (September 21, 1999), [US patent specification No 5 954 761] discloses a stimulation electrode having a fixing unit in the form of a stent. In that arrangement a conductor extends in the interior of the stent.

A2 [0013] The entire surface of the wire item or one or more parts of the wire item, which are electrically insulated from each other, can be used as a stimulation pole, whether [() unipolar, [/ bipolar [/ or multipolar]]. In particular the electrodes can be of an elongate configuration corresponding to the course of a nerve, as is taught in German patent application [(see DE] 197 58 114 A1 ()].